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BOAT HIT ROCK; THREE NEARLY LOST LIVES

River Accident Reveals Hiding Place of A. J. Butler, Fugitive from Justice.

LIVING ON SMALL ISLAND

With Two Companions, Went Fishing, and Had Hard Fight With Current.

After having broken from the Second Police Station, where he had been locked up on a trivial charge, and eluding arrest for more than a week, A. J. Butler came near going to his reward on Thursday, when, in company with R. M. Hamlin and J. D. Isaacs, he attempted to take a boat through "Big Hell," one of the most dangerous points in the upper reaches of the James River.

The trio had been fishing—for Butler in these days is forced to depend mainly for existence on his skill as an angler—and were returning when the boat, going at full speed, struck a submerged rock and was thrown high into the air.

Hamlin, who was occupying a seat in the rear, was hurled out, and landed in the water after a double somersault. Being a good swimmer, he made for a tree in the middle of the river, and with the use of a powerful overhand stroke, gained his point of safety and pulled himself out of the water.

Charged by Crowd.

In the meantime Butler, after a desperate effort with the half-capsize boat, managed to reach a rock. But again he was imperiled, for the boat got away with him a second time in the rapid current, and, fortunately for Hamlin, drifted under the tree to which he was hanging by a hair.

Here the two men righted the boat, and turned about to go to the aid of Isaacs, who had plunged into the river. But the latter was braving the rapid stream with the desperate endeavor of a man who knows that he must swim or die, and after a hard struggle, in which it seemed at times, to the watchers on the shore that he must succumb, he clambered upon dry ground.

The accident occurred in one of the worst places on the river, that only a good swimmer may dare attempt to cross with any hope of safety. The three lost practically all their clothes, and Isaacs also lost some money. They were glad, however, to reach terra firma, and were heartily cheered by the little knot of people who watched them from the distance.

It was near this point that Ed. Barnes met his death some time ago, after Robert Bauer made such a heroic attempt to rescue him. It is a well-known fact, however, that the river, with its submerged rocks and rapids, is the most dangerous place in the city.

Living on Island.

In Butler's narrow escape is added the spice of romance, for, since his escape from the station house, he has been living on an island in the river free from all police molestation.

His sweetheart, Miss Montgomery, of Graham Street, Fulton, came herself over to him daily and carries him a portion of his meagre food supply. By his skill as a fisherman he contributes the rest, and seems now to be enjoying a comfortable living. The police know his whereabouts, but as he is wanted only for a misdemeanor, none will try to cross the dangerous current to reach him. Unless he makes his escape by night and leaves the city he must one day be caught.

Officers are on the watch, and they will hardly fail to re-arrest him should he come to the Richmond shore again. Butler is weary, however, and has his game of hide-and-seek with much cleverness.

The fugitive and Miss Montgomery were to be married soon, and would have been in their wedding trip now had he not been arrested on a charge of fighting in Broad Street.

Miss Montgomery has consulted an officer of a charitable organization in the city, and has advised her to get Butler to surrender. This he has declined to do, and the girl has declared she will stand by him through thick and thin. With tears, she avowed her intention of marrying him come what may, and it looks as if the two may achieve their end, in spite of all attempted interference.

Paying Proposition.

According to the report of Poundmaster Charles Hill, submitted to the Mayor yesterday, the city found for dogs and goats for the last year has been a paying proposition. The expenditure amounted to \$1,516, as against receipts of \$1,385.75. The report covers in detail the work done by the pound for the year.

POLICE NOW AFTER SPORTY VISITOR

Came to Enter Horses, but Passed Worthless Checks, It Is Alleged.

SAID HE REPRESENTED RAY

Inaccuracies in Pedigrees Caused Suspicion, and Man Promptly Disappeared.

Claiming to be connected with Nat Ray, the famous horseman and steeplechase rider of Kentucky, a well-dressed young man on Thursday visited Mr. James W. Graves, local manager of the Germania Life Insurance Company, and through the office entered the names of several of Ray's horses for the Deep Run Horse Show, which is being held in getting Mr. Graves' signature to a \$40 check, which he later passed on D. A. Brown, the harness dealer, of East Main Street. The check was made payable to "R. J. Grant."

It seems that the man asked Mr. Brown to send the purchases to Mr. Graves' office, in the Chamber of Commerce, where he would call for them. He went a second time to the insurance office, and there asked for an entry blank.

Mr. Graves was called out for a few moments, and politely offered the use of his desk during his absence to the visitor. The latter tore up several blanks, but finally found one apparently to his satisfaction. Another gentleman connected with the horse show glanced at the entry after it had been made out, and noted that the pedigrees of the horses given were incorrect, and also that at least one owner was wrongly stated. He attempted to show the young man the mistakes, but the visitor arose and left rather hurriedly.

The purchases from Mr. Brown, having been delayed, did not arrive until yesterday morning, when Mr. Graves was informed that a saddle had been left for him. He knew nothing of it, but Mr. Brown had, in the meantime, discovered that the check passed on him was worthless, and he came in great haste to regain his goods.

The police were notified of the occurrence, but though they admitted that such a man was not given out, they made no further effort to locate him. It is believed that the young man has by this time removed to other pastures, where he may gain on people's credulity with less danger and more profit. He appeared to be only about twenty-three or twenty-five years old, and was of good address and neat appearance. He claimed to be from Lexington, Ky.

Police After Horse.

It is alleged that the young man, under the various names of Greer, A. J. Gray and R. J. Grant, has operated on other merchants, and has made considerable gains through his transactions. Two checks signed "A. J. Gray," each for \$100, believed to have been made out by the same man, were presented at the American National Bank yesterday morning, but there was no account in such a name, and neither check was cashed. The bank manager, however, recovered his property without the loss of a cent.

Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Kolner is receiving requests for hand books descriptive of the advantages of various counties in the State. Some of these he has been able to furnish, but he has not been able to secure copies of others. Mr. Kolner announces that he will be glad to send the hand books to any counties that are sent to him at the Department of Agriculture. Many of the counties of the State had pamphlets compiled for distribution at the Jamestown Exposition, and it is thought by the commissioner that probably many of these would be of great help to the farmer, both to the Department of Immigration and to the counties if Mr. Kolner can secure some of them.

County Hand Books.

Capitol Policeman W. W. Baker, of Grayson county, assigned his duty under Colonel Richardson and has been appointed a sergeant of the State road force by the Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Sergeant Baker has been assigned to duty and placed in charge of the road force now at work in Bedford county.

Col. Richardson has appointed Ransom C. Grayson county, to succeed Mr. Baker as Capitol policeman, and he reported for duty yesterday.

Insurance Figures.

Colonel Joseph Button, State Insurance Commissioner, compiled the following figures with reference to the fire insurance business in Virginia:

Total capital of companies carrying risks in Virginia last year, \$45,556,765

Capital of Virginia companies included in above, \$1,318,765

Total paid for losses, 1937 (in United States), \$9,461,869

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